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We are one of the largest and fastest growing towns in Britain, and we have the opportunity to compete to win city status as part of the celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the Queen's reign.

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We want to put Luton on the map and open the new city up to international opportunities.

There have recently been £4 billion of improvements around Luton, including the award-winning St George's Square, the extension to The Mall, Butterfield Business Park and the Luton Hilton Hotel. The Luton Gateway and Station Square is now taking shape and future developments include Power Court and Napier Park. Luton has also seen the relocation of Northern & Shell print works (owners of the Express Newspapers and Channel 5) to Luton which could see up to a further 900 jobs on the site.

We have recently secured in excess of £40m of Government funding for the

Junction 10a road improvement scheme and the completion of the Inner Ring Road. These two vital road schemes will dramatically improve the offer in town, allowing for further investment and growth. It has already been proven that being a city gives greater esteem and is a consideration when international corporations are deciding where to locate. This can only enhance Luton's economy and create jobs.

Luton already operates like a city with more than 40% of our workforce employed actually living outside of the town.

The city bid campaign is enthusiastically backed by Luton's businesses, voluntary and community groups, as well as the Council. The Love Luton campaign is completely funded by the private sector sponsors who have invested more than £150,000.

Over the last year the campaign has received extensive press and broadcast coverage both local and national media. It has helped to turn around any negative perceptions and showcase Luton in a positive light. The campaign has also helped improve community cohesion in the borough and bring the people of Luton together as one voice to show their support for the town.

The story so far...

The Love Luton campaign has received in excess of £150,000 worth of media coverage in both local and national media. This has showcased Luton in a very positive light.

More than 15,000 people wear the badge. Taxis, shops and buses carry the logo.

Organisers have been overwhelmed by how the campaign has captured the imagination of people in Luton, and the positive response expressed at community events.

We are enormously proud of the energy that the Love Luton campaign has generated which would not have been possible without the active participation of Lutonians themselves. It has demonstrated how much people here do love their town and they want to change perceptions of it.





Since the initial campaign launch at Luton Hoo, which was supported by local schools, the Love Luton bid has run three successful competitions and played a prominent role at many community events including St George's Day, Take 3 4 Life, Luton International Carnival, One World Week, Lighting Up Luton and the official Christmas lantern parade.

And in just its first two weeks an e-petition calling for Luton to be granted city status was signed by more than 1,000 people, more than any other town in the competition.



Way forward

From 19 January for three weeks (Thursday to Saturday) you can meet the city status team in The Mall who can help you sign the e-petition and back Luton's bid.

The Love Luton campaign will be at Luton in Harmony's second birthday celebrations on Saturday 28 January from 12-3pm at the George Street entrance to the Town Hall.

Then we will be holding a Love Luton Diamond Jubilee celebration on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 June when St George's Square hosts Luton's biggest street party along with food, stalls and entertainment. A full programme is being arranged. If you would like more information or want to take part, contact **michele.smith@luton.gov.uk**

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It all starts on Friday 6 July with school games in venues across Luton, followed by fringe events and a 10,000 capacity music concert in the evening.

Saturday 7 July sees more fringe plus Mela activities before another major evening concert. Sunday 8 July begins with the spectacular carnival parade, an eye-catching and breathtaking procession through the town centre, before the weekend's showcase event, the arrival of the Olympic Torch and an evening of ceremony and celebration.

The festival concludes on Monday 9 July as Luton says farewell to the Olympic Torch which continues on its way to London. Additional entertainment and activities will be taking place across the borough throughout the weekend, all aimed at residents of all tastes, cultures and ages.



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Sweet treat taken away from flyer

A PASSENGER had his sweets confiscated by airport security over fears they could be mistaken for plastic explosives. Mark Leverkus, 23, was

Mark Leverkus, 23, was all packed-up for a skiing trip to France when chocolate marzipan given to him as a Christmas present was taken by security without explanation at Luton Airport. The 6ft 9ins trainee

The 6ft 9ins trainee solicitor, of Woodcote, Putnoe, Bedford, then texted his mother Carol joking that security checks were now tackling obesity at the airport.

Mrs Leverkus said: "I've heard of liquids being banned but not confectionery. "I think he was a bit

"I think he was a bit disappointed they were taken off him. "I understand it's a

security issue and safety is a must but I wasn't aware you couldn't pack confectionery in your hand luggage."

The Department for Transport said it has liquid restrictions in place but confectionery restrictions are a decision down to individual airports.

A airport spokesman said: "We cannot comment on specific cases, but in the past marzipan has been flagged up as one of those items which can resemble plastic explosives, such as semtex.

"With any items of concern, security officers are entitled to ask passengers to surrender it, and that may have been the case in this instance."

Sham marriage man given cash to quit UK

EXCLUSIVE

BY LUI STRACCIA lui.straccia@lutononsunday.co.uk

AN ILLEGAL immigrant and sham marriage ringleader was given £1,500 of taxpayers' money to leave prison early and be deported from the UK and used the money to set up a visa agency in Pakistan.

Ashar Ali Rathore, formerly of Luton, was paid as part of a Government support scheme for foreign nationals as an 'incentive for prisoners to cooperate with returning at the earliest opportunity'.

The idea is that the 'majority' of the money given to Rathore - who faked a relationship with a Polish immigrant to gain long-term residency - 'should be spent on reintegration' in Pakistan. And a *Luton on Sunday* investigation has discovered that Rathore - who was

deported last July - is offering to provide UK passports, driving licences and National Insurance cards to Pakistan nationals at his new business in Kotli, Azad Kashmir

During their illegal stay in Luton, Rathore and his real wife, Nadia Qadri, were jailed for conspiring to breach immigration law.

Rathore was deported last July under the Facilitated Returns Scheme, which enables the UK Border Agency (UKBA) to encourage foreign national prisoners to leave the country before their jail terms are fully served. He received the maximum payment of $\pounds1,500$ as part of that process.

Jonathan Isaby, political director of the TaxPayers' Alliance, said: "Taxpayers will be appalled to learn that £1,500 of their hard-earned money was used to



give a convicted prisoner this sick 'golden goodbye' prior to his deportation. When all of us are having to tighten our belts and watch every penny, pay-offs for fraudsters like Rathore at British taxpayers' expense are an utter disgrace." ■ Turn to pages 2 and 3 for more on the *LoS* investigation into Rathore's business in Pakistan – and we also

reveal which Luton councillor is being investigated by the Labour Party for not disclosing her connection to Rathore before being selected as a candidate for last year's local elections.

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'Golden handshake' the driving licence

EXCLUSIVE

BY LUI STRACCIA ii straccia@lutononsunday.co.uk

HAVING been given a £1,500 'golden hand-shake' by the UK Government to spend less time in prison and be deported, a former sham marriage ringleader is now welcoming customers into his new visa agency office.

Despite committing his crime while being an illegal immigrant in the UK, fraudster Ashar Ali Rathore has launched a business in Kotli, Azad Kashmir, offering to obtain UK passports, driving licences and National Insurance cards.

The Luton sham marriage ring set up by Rathore, 33, involved him and his real wife, Nadia Qadri, 34 – who were in the UK on student visas – faking relationships with two Polish peo-ple to gain long-term residency.

To support their applications, Rathore and Qadri submitted fraudulent documents including fake lease agreements and council tax and utility bills.

They were arrested at their home in Cornell Iney were arrested at their home in Cornell Close, where officers recovered around £16,300 in cash and bank receipts showing large amounts of money had been paid into the accounts of their fake partners.

Qadri's brother, Zafar Rathore, left the UK in November 2010 but is wanted by the UKBA on suspicion of conspiracy to facilitate a breach of immigration rules in connection with an alleged bogus relationship with Izabela Glazowska, of Green Court, Luton, who was last year convicted of the same offence.

Ashar Ali was deported in July under the Facilitated Returns Scheme, which enables the UK Border Agency (UKBA) to remove foreign national prisoners before they would normally be eligible for release.

Rathore received £1,500 as part of that process, and has used the money to set up his new 'Xpress Solutions' visa agency in Kotli. TaxPayers' Alliance spokesman Jonathan Isaby

said: "Ministers must urgently review the opera-tion of the Facilitated Returns Scheme to ensure that we are not being taken for a ride. "At the same time, the British police should do

all they can to assist the local authorities in Azad Kashmir in establishing the legitimacy of Rathore's new enterprise. "Luton on Sunday deserves great credit for

Ashar Ali Rathore (right) with brother-in-law Zafa Subhani, aka Zafar Rathore

uncovering this and bringing it to the public's attention." A UKBA spokesman said: "The scheme saves the taxpayer the cost of keeping foreign national prisoners in prison and denies them the opportunity to re-offend.

"It should be noted that, as part of our investi-gation that resulted in Rathore's conviction, more than £16,000 in cash was seized from his address under the Proceeds of Crime Act. This has subsequently been returned to the public purse.

"Nadia Qadri voluntarily departed so did not receive any money under the scheme.

A YouTube video of the launch of Rathore's new office in Kotli shows a large poster on the wall featuring pictures of UK driving licences, passports of various nationalities, a UK National Insurance Number card and an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) logo, which has been

used without permission. Rathore's office also features signs in Urdu saying: 'Immigration Appeals', 'Income Tax', 'Passports & ID Cards', 'Mortgages & Property', 'Registering Power of Attorney', Paperwork/Statements', 'National Legal and

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Jewellery are just some of the products available.

International College/University Admissions', Any Legal Disputes' and, bizarrely, 'Any Enquiry

Related to the Laws of Cricket'. Having been alerted to the misuse of its logo by Luton on Sunday, the ECB said in a statement: 'He does not have our permission to use either the Association of Cricket Officials or ECB logos for commercial or business purposes and we thank Luton on Sunday for bringing this to our attention.

'We will investigate whether the logos are

being used improperly.' A UKBA spokesman added: "At the British High Commission in Islamabad, Pakistan, the UKBA subjects all applications for visas to come to the UK to the same rigorous checks, which include checks against international watchlists. In addition, all visa applicants are required to give their bio-metrics (fingerprints).

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Labour probes 'close ties' silence of party member

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THE Labour Party is investigating one of its councillors for not disclosing her family relationships to sham marriage ringleader Ashar Ali Rathore and mortgage and benefits fraudsters in the run-up to last year's local elections.

Luton councillor Asma Rathore is the cousin of illegal immigrant Ashar Ali, and also the sister of Shagufta Siddique who, along with her husband Ahmed Siddique, was in 2009 convicted of obtaining more than £160,000 through

fraudulent activities. A simple 192.com search reveals that Ashar Ali, his illegal immigrant wife Nadia Qadri and Ahmed Siddique have at some time been registered at the same Selbourne Road address at which Saints ward Cllr Rathore currently lives. While Cllr Rathore had

categorically no involvement in her relatives' crimes, the Labour Party has launched an inquiry because she did not disclose, when asked of any issues which could cause potential embarrassment to the party, her close ties to criminals during the process of her selection as a candidate for last year's Luton

Borough Council elections. When LoS brought this information to the attention of the Labour Party, spokesman Francis Steer said: "We are shocked by these revelations which have been uncovered by LoS.

"Although the crimes are not in any way related to Cllr Rathore, the Labour Party has set up an inquiry as such issues should have been made known to us at the time of her selection as a Labour Party candidate.

"Anyone standing for public office must ensure those close to them are beyond reproach."

The Siddiques were given suspended prison sentences for fraudulently claiming £10,628 in housing benefits and £3,695 in council tax benefits.

A Proceeds of Crime hearing at Luton Crown Court in 2010 revealed evidence that the couple had gained £162,205 through their illegal activities, which included buying a property in Leagrave Road through a fraudulently obtained mortgage.

Following a court order, repayments totalling £26,695 were made by the Siddiques to Luton Borough Council.

Cllr Rathore did not return any of our calls or emails.



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LUTON on Sunday staff collected top accolades at a prestigious awards

publications across parent company lliffe News and Media (Central) saw *LoS* and sister paper Luton & *Dunstable Express* receive two editorial honours. Around 300 people LoS photographer Keiron Hillhouse's 'picture of hate' from an EDL march in

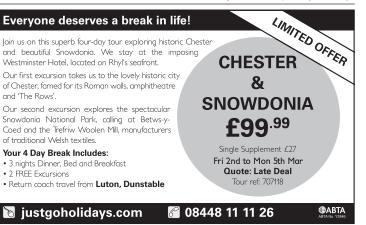


ceremony. More than 200 people representing some 20 entered the awards and competition was fierce.



Luton earned him news photograph of the year, while reporter Sophie Scott's coverage of an armed stand-off with police helped secure the front page of the year award for the LD Express Hillhouse was also shortlisted as an 'unsung hero', while LoS news editor Lui Straccia was runner-up in scoop of the year.

The event, backed by major sponsor Altodigital Ltd, took place in Milton Keynes



Tutor may face legal rap for trial research

BY JULIA SUTTON editor@lsnmedia.co.uk

SENIOR judges are deciding whether a juror who carried out internet research at home during a criminal trial was in

contempt of court. University of Bedfordshire lecturer Theodora Dallas, 34, appeared before the High Court on Thursday after Government legal advisers launched contempt proceedings.

Three judges heard how Dr Dallas had told other jurors what her research had revealed about a defendant on trial at Luton Crown Court in July 2011. Attorney General

Dominic Attorney General Dominic Grieve QC told Lord Judge, Lady Justice Hallett, and Mr Justice Openshaw that Dr Dallas had impeded the administration of justice and was in contempt.

He said a judge had aborted the trial after learning about her research.

But Dr Dallas, a psychology lecturer at the university which has its main campus in Luton, told the judges she had "no inten-tion" to "influence" the jury. She said she had not "deliber-

ately" ignored instructions but had "misunderstood" the trial judge's directions.

Mr Grieve, the Government's chief legal adviser, told the court that a defendant called Barry Medlock had been on trial at Luton in July last year accused of causing grievous bodily harm with intent. He said jurors had been told by

the trial judge to base decisions on the evidence and warned them not to use the internet or discuss the case with others. However, Dr Dallas carried out

internet research while jurors were deliberating their verdict and revealed that Medlock had previously been accused, and acquitted, of rape - information not given during the trial. Dr Dallas said she had been

checking the meaning of grievous bodily harm on the internet.

She had added the word "Luton" to a search and that search had then produced a newspaper report which mentioned Medlock and the previous rape allegation. Dr Dallas said in a written witness statement given to judges that: "Sometimes my grasp of English is not that good.

"I did not understand that I could make no search on the internet. I never thought it would cause such disruption

The judges reserved judgment and said they aimed to deliver their ruling this week.



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call to the blaze at a property in Windsor Road at around 1.50am on Thursday. The first floor flat was

above empty business

La Sheesh, which was previously The Farley Arms pub. The result of an initial investigation has suggested that the blaze

was started deliberately. Anyone with informa-contact tion can contact Bedfordshire Police on 101

A MAN has been Regis, on January 10, charged with the robberies and attempted robberies of supermarkets. Westleigh Brimble, 34, of Marsh Road, Luton, was arrested and

charged with the robberies the of Co-operative Store in High Street, Houghton

the Co-operative Store in Farley Hill, Luton, on January 15 and the attempted robbery of a Tesco in Houghton Regis on January 10. Brimble appeared

before Luton Magistrates' Court on Thursday and was remanded into custody.

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Illegal parkers fall foul of council's CCTV cars

Clir Brian Spurr meeting the CCTV vehicle crew

IN just 11 days cars armed with CCTV to catch illegally parked vehicles nabbed more than 300. The scheme, which was launched in November, caught 326 drivers this month as it clamps down on loading restrictions, parking on yellow lines and outside schools. In its first month in December 100 people were found to be parking illegally. It works by taking a wider area image of a street and collecting

image of a street and collecting the registration numbers of those vehicles parked illegally. meeting on Thursday night, Cllr Nigel Long explained to members how the scheme has been going. The council bought three cars for £165,000. A fine can bring in between £25-£70, depending on when it is paid.

He said that there were a number of people who had been caught on consecutive days. Including one driver in High Street South, Dunstable, who was caught on double yellow lines, then moved round the corner and again parked on more double yellow lines. He was ticketed twice.

Taxpayers fail to cough-up £17.3m

BY SOPHIE SCOTT sophie.scott@lutononsundar

MORE than 20 per cent of Luton residents failed to pay their council tax in the past financial year. And as a result Luton Borough Council has issued almost 13,000 summons to people who have failed to hand over the tax. In the town, 60,555 households are required to make payments.

When residents are taken to court, not only will they be ordered to pay the outstanding bill but also any prosecution costs. Statistics also show that since 1993, householders have not paid £17.3 million to Luton Borough Council and many have moved away still owing the debt. More than £11m of the total sum is owed by people who have left, while the rest is on a 'long-term' repayment plan by those who still live in their house.

A Town Hall spokeswoman said: "These arrears date back to 1993 and are mainly owed by people who have moved out of the area or died. "The council has a team dedi-

"The council has a team dedicated solely to collecting older debt which, for obvious reasons, is very difficult to trace and recover. Only around ten per cent of the arrears are owed by current residents. In the past three years, the council has increased its collection rate from 93.8 per cent to 96 per cent - the highest ever recovery rate for Luton.

"The report discussed by the Executive on December 12 says that while efforts must be made to collect unpaid tax, the council does not wish to target those who genuinely cannot pay and need support. "However, we will prosecute

"However, we will prosecute anyone for non payment who can pay but won't, and have done so."



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Little Berries, Marsh Farm, Luton, was arrested on Friday, January 6 and charged with the assault on a 40-year-old man at

the Purley Tavern on October 26, 2011. Renton appeared before Luton Magistrates' Court on Saturday, January 7

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and was remanded in to custody. He will appear before Luton Crown Court on Tuesday, Februarv 14.

lospital parking has -space shortfall

in the main reception – although funding is required – and creating

David Carter, L&D's managing director, said: "By reducing the number of staff using their car to

come to work we can help to

ensure that we have adequate

BY SOPHIE SCOTT sophie.scott@lutononsundav.co.uk

FIVE hundred car parking spaces need to be found to cope with traffic pressures around a hospital.

And now Luton & Dunstable Hospital is considering giving staff with the most need permits to access on-site parking at a charge of between £200 and £720 a year, dependant on salary.

The hospital estimates that the shortfall in spaces equates to 300 for staff and 200 for patients.

A car park deck which will create 80 spots on Farringdon Fields will be completed in the summer and negotiations are going on to use 100 spaces at Mecca Bingo in Skimpot Road, Luton.

Other options to alleviate prob-lems include working on a 'Travel Plan' to encourage staff to use

other means to get to work, by parking capacity for patients, visitors and staff. public transport or car-sharing, giving 'real-time' bus information

"No decisions have been made we are currently consulting with staff about the proposed permit scheme. "The hospital is also reviewing

the provision of car parking on-site and off-site in light of future planned clinical service development.'

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If you could decide which community projects to fund in your area, which would you vote for?

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- Lewsey Decision Day Saturday 11 February Lewsey Community Centre, Landrace Road, LU4 OSW



Central Luton

- High Town Decision Day Saturday 18 February High Town Methodist Church, 45 to 47 High Town Road, LU2 OBW
- Saints Decision Day Saturday 3 March Saints Community Centre, 83 to 85 Solway Road North, LU3 1TU
- **Biscot Decision Day** Saturday 10 March Bury Park Community Resource Centre, 161 to 161b Dunstable Road, LU1 1BW
- **Barnfield Decision Day** Saturday 24 March Bushmead Community Centre, Hancock Drive, LU2 7SF

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Crazy council expenditure

SIR - Luton Borough Council has well and truly overstepped the mark this time by spending £250,000 for music groups to perform at Popes Meadow prior to the arrival of the Olympic Torch passing through the town (Letters, January 15). In view of its recent closures of

In view of its recent closures of council-run care homes and cuts in street-cleaning services, it is both a shallow, stupid and insensitive act to say the least.

I sincerely hope the 'specialist lawyer' hired by the families fighting the recently announced closure of the Laurels (a council-run care home for the elderly frail/dementia sufferers) cites this misappropriation and abuse of public funds to support her worthy case.

This act of folly by the council should surely be a wake-up call for the voting electorate of Luton, for what we are witnessing is called 'divestment'.

Quite simply that is the stripping of community assets and an end to essential functions like council-run care homes for the elderly frail and street cleaning services.

Not surprisingly this may well be the tip of the iceberg as other essential community assets such as day care for the elderly/vulnerable are lined up for either closure or removal to totally unsuitable environments.

No doubt this process of 'divestment' will be accompanied by the equally dubious use of the so-called 'public consultation' which the families and carers involved in the council run care home closures could see was a 'transparent farce'. What is very evident is that the so

What is very evident is that the so called necessary savings of public monies are more than likely to be circumvented to pay for pleasurable events and local organisations that are not providing an essential public service.

I am literally scratching my head to understand why we, the voting public, are paying the salaries of elected local councillors, highly paid council officers, and external so called experts/consultants.

For the latter are setting a course to manage a council which will have very few council-provided services left to run; but sees fit to pay out large sums of money to assist the

How about some good news?

SIR - I read *Luton on Sunday* on a regular basis and I am dismayed, saddened and angered by your negative portrayal of our busy Luton & Dunstable Hospital. It's rare to hear in your newspaper about all the

It's rare to hear in your newspaper about all the lives saved, grateful happy patients and dedicated hard-working staff going above and beyond the call of duty.

We are all aware of the stress that the NHS is under and like most large businesses errors can occur and mistakes are made – but they are rare events.

It seems every week your publication manages to find negative stories most of which in my opinion do little more than to make a bad situation worse. I wonder if your newspaper is trying to close down the hospital,

Your constant criticism is demoralising to staff and patients alike and it is, in my opinion unjustified.

running of a pop concert? Incidentally I am a great music lover from jazz and the blues through to classical works.

If I choose to go to a live music performance I have to dip into my own purse.

Public money should be directed at essential public services. Geraldine Mooney-Tassell Field End Close, Stopsley

Questioning this cost

SIR - With reference to John Young's letter last week I strongly agree. Providing for this event comes at the cost of other local amenities. Only this week the council announced that two care homes are

announced that two care homes are to be closed. And in November the council

made a decision to increase allotment rents and abolish the 50 per cent concessions given to the over-60s

They could save money by not hir-

ing 52-seater coaches to take five members of the planning committee to view a planning application which took 30 minutes while the driver sat in the coach and waited for them.

Doesn't the council have its own minibuses which could have taken them? Margaret Wright By email

Music support is wrong

SIR - With reference to John Young's letter which featured under the heading 'No role for council to provide musicians' in last Sunday's edition of Luton on Sunday, I wish to express, in the strongest possible terms, my total support and full agreement with his view. I totally concur with Mr Young that

Luton Borough Council should not be spending council taxpayers' money in this manner – sponsoring music groups while cutting essential

letters policy

LETTERS, preferably a maximum of 300 words, must arrive by 3pm on Wednesday. Full name and address must be supplied. Details will be withheld only in exceptional circumstances. Write to: Letters to the Editor, Luton on Sunday, 28 King Street, Luton, LU1 2DP. You can also email your letters to: editor@lsnmedia.cc.uk



your paper is free. How about a few more positive stories about the good work carried out by the dedicated staff at the L&D? Kevin Evans by email

> services such as street cleaning and care homes. Allen Fisher

Turnpike Drive, Luton

I'm beeping furious

SIR - Why do so many people misuse their car horns? Don't they know that the only lawful purpose of them is 'to give audible warning of approach'?

That means they should not be used simply to announce 'your lift has arrived'. Nor should they be used by drivers to say 'Hi' to their mates. Don't they realise that everyone else

Don't they realise that everyone else in the neighbourhood is disturbed by their exuberance? If not, then I suggest they are prob-

If not, then I suggest they are probably not intelligent enough to be in charge of a motor vehicle in the first place. Alternatively, if they are aware, they presumably don't care about other people – in which case they could be considered sociopaths. So again, should they be driving at all? Finally, the worst of all are those who use their horns to show impa-

tience or, worse still, their anger. If people really can't control their frustrations and bad temper when they're behind the wheel then they shouldn't be allowed anywhere near the controls of such a lethal piece of machinery. Manufacturers could help in two ways. First, using modern electronics it would be a simple matter to disable the horn when the road wheels stop turning.

But more significantly they could disarm the bad-tempered drivers. Instead of fitting horns that blare loudly enough to wake the dead and only serve to startle and anger other road-users, why not replace them with ones that can only give out a pointe 'toot-toot'?

This could even reduce 'road rage' incidents. Ron Turvey

Stanmore Crescent, Luton

Claim OAPs' benefits

SIR - Recent research by Prudential has revealed that pension incomes are expected to hit a five-year low for people retiring this year, meaning that one in five will have to survive on less than $\pm 10,000$ a year. The recession has seen a fall in pen-

The recession has seen a fall in pension funds and annuity rates, which, when combined with inflation rises mean that thousands will struggle to make ends meet.

However, this isn't just a problem facing future pensioners. Our own research reveals that today's pensioners are already strug

today's pensioners are already struggling; yet many are not aware of the financial support available to them. Two-thirds of pensioners on low incomes, who could be eligible for

incomes, who could be eligible for Pension Credit do not believe they qualify; yet a quarter of them struggle with bills, a third with housing costs and one in ten are forced to skip meals. The latest Government figures show that the amount of Pension Credit unclaimed annually was between £1.6bn and £2.9bn.

between £1.6bn and £2.9bn. We would like to remind your readers of how important it is that pensioners are aware of their potential welfare benefits entitlement.

Pensioners have to deal with a terribly complicated benefits system, which often deters them from claiming much-needed funds.

Yet, it is easy to access the free Turn2us benefits calculator and establish entitlement, how much is available and where to claim – www.turn2us.org.uk

Those without internet access can call our freephone helpline on 0808 802 2000. Alison Tavlor

Director of Turn2us

Council allowances to be kept at same level

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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MEMBERS of Luton Borough Council will continue to receive a minimum of £7,500 a year in allowances.

The authority met on Tuesday to discuss the recommendations made in a report by the Independant Panel of Members' Allowances.

The document suggested that there should be no increase in pay for 2012/2013 but that 'it would be inappropriate to recommend an arbitrary reduction in the basic allowance'. Without much discussion the majority of the councillors accepted the report, with only Liberal Democrat representatives abstaining from the vote.

Lib Dem leader Councillor David Franks said: "I have to point out that the Liberal Democrats are not actively supporting the motion.

"To do so would support the pay increase Hazel Simmons gave herself when appointed leader of the council, and we don't."

As a result, the basic allowance paid

to all council members will remain unchanged at £7,500.

The panel recommended that Luton Borough Council's executive leader, Cllr Hazel Simmons, continue to receive an additional £15,000, while executive members with portfolio would receive £5,625 on top of the basic allowance. The payment of a Dependent

The payment of a Dependent Carer's and Childcare Allowance will also remain at a rate of up to $\pounds 7$ per hour.

The council also agreed to 52.2p a mile travel expenses.

Police election due in November



AN election date has been set for the new role of Police and Crime Commissioner.

Votes will be taken on Thursday, November 15, with the elected individual expected to be in the role by November 22.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will replace the current Police Authority and take on responsibilities including setting the priorities for the force, holding the Chief Constable to account, and setting the budget.

Police authority vice-chairman, Linda Hockey (*left*) said: "This will be a radical departure from the current system but is just one of a number of significant changes that our police force is going through."

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Couple tied up as gang raid home

BY LUI STRACCIA lui.straccia@lutononsunday.co.uk

BURGLARS stormed into a home before attacking the residents and stealing a safe, cash, jewellery and an Audi A4.

A4. One of the victims, a 27-year-old, was watching TV at his parents' home in Common Road, Kensworth, with his wife when they heard the back door of the house open at 8.30pm on Monday.

One of the burglars rushed into the living room and assaulted the man, while four others began to demand gold, jewellery and cash.

The victims were forced upstairs and had their hands tied with a cable before the burglars - all white - left with the safe, money, Indian-style gold jewellery and the family's white Audi A4.

PC Sam Toombs said: "It is believed these people targeted the victims and it may be possible that members of the public may have noticed people acting suspiciously in the area in the days leading up to the incident.

"I would urge anyone with information about this crime to come forward, especially if they know the whereabouts of the white Audi car, regis-tration number KM11 0SB." Anyone with information

about this crime can contact PCToombs, in confidence, on 01582 473324, or Bedfordshire Police on 101. One of the burglars is 5ft

5-5ft 7, with a medium build, wearing stone-washed pale blue jeans, a light grey hooded top and a white and grey camouflaged bandana to cover his mouth and nose.

Another has a very pale complexion, is more than 6ft. with a skinny build, wearing a dark scarf over his nose and mouth, a medium blue and white zipped shell suit jacket

and light grey coloured jogging bottoms. A third is 5ft 11ins with a stocky build and round face, wearing a black balaclava, a black Nike sweater and black jogging bottoms, while a fourth is 5ft 9ins wearing a black hooded top with dark bottoms and a black scarf covering his face.

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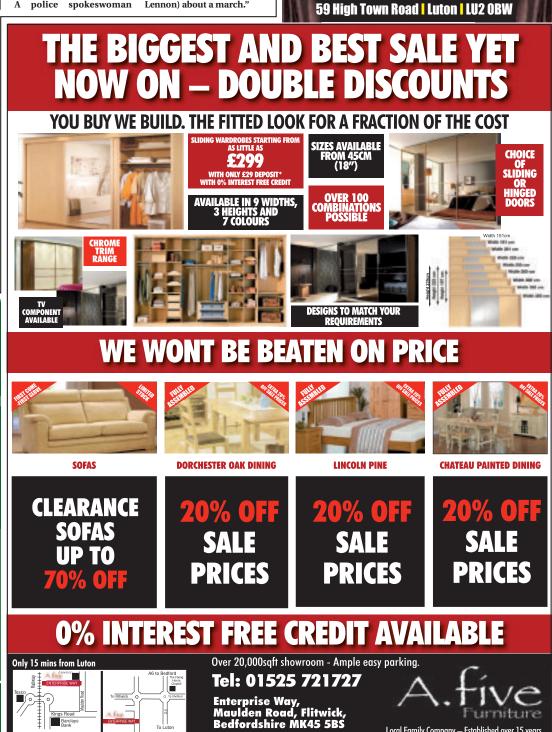


Tommy Robinson (Stephen

Lennon) about a march.

Lennon said: "I hope there is not the scaremongering that there was last year from the council. We came and peacefully protested."

A police spokeswoman



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AST week I was on Three Counties Radio discussing matters political. A question came up asking if we regretted the lack of mobile phones and social media in our youth.

I was alone in giving a resounding no.

I spent, or rather misspent, my youth without my parents knowing where I was half the time.

In fact when 15, my friend Vic and 1 told our parents each Saturday that we were staying at the other's house and it was 12 months before they found out we were staying out. I also wandered off to France

l also wandered off to France when 17 and never bothered to contact the family once. No more is such freedom and

irresponsibility on offer.

Last Saturday night our 19-year-old was out in town with some friends and his mum, the present Mrs Lowe, was innocently texting him after midnight to see if he had a key, whether he had remembered his scarf and not to forget to lock the door when he came home. Before asking when that might be. Being told to remember their

phone is the command every time he and his brother prepare to leave the house. And all the latest gadgets also have 'facetime' so you can't even lie about where you are. There is an ad on TV at the

nhere is an ad on 1V at the moment, where some laddish bloke gets the pub he is in to Life was much more simple before we had all these gadgets

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keep quiet while he tells the girlfriend he is working late at the office.

'Show me', is more likely to be the response these days. 'And why have you got your 'facetime' switched off?'

And every piece of trivia these days is also considered worthy of mention to the world and beyond.

Many people cannot go to the lavatory without posting it on Facebook, obviously believing all their friends care.

Even worse some believe I care about the sleeping/waking times and bowel movements of their babies. I don't. I have spent many years living it and have no desire to relive it or any interest in others so doing. I am grateful my mother has

I am grateful my mother has no computer or smart-phone or heaven knows what kind of messages I would be getting through the day as she sits shaking her stick at the TV, cursing every person to the left of Ghengis Khan and under 70 years old. From September onwards I would receive daily messages asking if it is time to put the Brussel Sprouts on a low simmer for Christmas

simmer for Christmas. And, of course, even innocent pleasures can be misconstrued by Facebook, such as a peck on the cheek of that semi-naked office girl at the office party being posted up for all the world - and your wife - to see. And once it is there, it is there for eternity. I am on Twitter and only use it

I am on Twitter and only use it when I feel there is something to say, which is, of course, completely wrong because it needs to be fed at least three times a day, whether there is anything to say or not.

It is undoubtedly the case that some people are safer because of mobile phones, particularly those using taxis. But that sense of freedom

But that sense of freedom and splendid isolation of the pre-digital world has disappeared for ever. Going walkabout, like the Dodo, is dead.



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THE families of children who have autism or Aspergers Syndrome are being invited to support group sessions.

The next meeting of the Families in Luton Autism Group (FLAG) is on January 30 at Limbury Fields Community and Children's Centre, Icknield Way,

from 10am-11.30am. Cllr Tahir Khan said: "I'd really encourage any parents in Luton whose children have autism or Aspergers Syndrome to come along to the FLAG event. For information, contact Luton Borough Council's autism spectrum team on 01582 548151.



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BY KATHRYN CAIN

A MAN was killed when his lorry smashed into a stationary HGV on the M1 after he 'misjudged' it to be on the hard shoulder.

The family of Idris Hunt, 49, disputed police evidence claim-ing that he had fallen asleep at the wheel when his vehicle ploughed into the back of a broken down lorry at 4.30am which was stopped in the left lane of the northbound carriageway on August 19.

At a coroner's inquest held in Bedford on Tuesday it was found that he had died of multiple traumatic bone and soft tissue injuries which he had sustained in the collision as he was not wearing a seat belt.

Police evidence suggested that

Mr Hunt had become tired after driving through the night and in the moments before the crash he had begun to slow down gradually without breaking.

During the hearing however, his daughter disputed that he was falling asleep as he had taken a 23 minute break at Toddington Services only six minutes earlier. The broken down lorry had been forced to stop in the left lane of the motorway between junction 12 for Toddington and 13 for Bedford after two of his trailer's rear tyres blew out. There was no hard shoulder due to roadworks. He was not in his vehicle when the accident happened 20 minutes later as he had gone behind the crash barrier to call the police to tell them he had broken down and was arranging for someone to come and fix his tyres.

CCTV cameras recorded the smash after the Highways Agency was alerted to the accident. Witnesses claim the hazard lights of the broken down lorry

were clearly visible from at least 500 yards away and they expected Mr Hunt, from Tamworth in Staffordshire, to move out into the middle lane to avoid it.

Coroner David Morris said: "It seems strange that he would fall asleep as he had only just had a break. It is possible he may have misjudged it and thought the lorry was off the carriageway until it was too late.

"I have to record a verdict that he died from injuries sustained when his HGV collided with the rear of another which was stationary in the nearside lane of the northbound carriageway of the M1 on August 19."



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the coming years. London Luton Airport Limited (LLAL) confirmed its intention at the beginning of the week to submit an application to Luton Borough Council which would see modifications made to the existing airport - without having to purchase more land - to increase capacity.

increase capacity. Changes would include the aircraft taxiways, aprons, piers and parking stands, the road network, airport car parking and the passenger terminal.

the passenger terminal. One of the major points of the proposal is that it will bring a massive 6,000 jobs to the town, both directly at the airport and indirectly in the town.

At a time when the country is still in economic crisis, if permission is granted it could see the town prosper, as Steve Heappey (*pictured right*) of LLAL explains. He said: "The shareholders of LLAL are the people of the town. "It is expected that £23 million

"It is expected that £23 million worth of income comes from the airport into the town. "That money is essential for

I hat money is essential for services like the Citizen's Advice Bureau which are a real interest to local people. Without that money those services would be in jeopardy.

"It also funds infrastructure in the town. The Aquatic Centre in



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THIS week plans were announced to expand Luton Airport so it could take 18 million passengers per year a scheme which could see an extra seven million pass through the town. SOPHIE SCOTT looks at the proposals and speaks to Steve Heappey, lead officer of London Luton Airport Limited (LLAL), which owns the airport on behalf of Luton Borough Council.

Stopsley [which is due to open in July] was made possible by the airport.

'The airport is one of the town's biggest employers, if not the biggest. These plans would create job opportunities for Luton and the surrounding region." On Monday, Cllr Robin Harris,

chairman of LIAL, said: "We're at the very beginning of a journey that builds on the tremendous success we have seen through the last decade and will ultimately bring huge benefits to Luton and the wider region - with jobs and much-needed income."

It is estimated that at the end of this financial year the airport will have handled almost ten million passengers. But in the next year figures put it at exceeding that milestone.

Last year the Department for Transport said in a report the airport would only handle 15 million by 2050, but Mr Heappey said considering its 'staggering' growth since 1998 it would be reasonable to expect that to reach 30 million. While LLAL owns the airport, it

is actually run by London Luton Airport Operations Ltd (LLAOL),

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which has a 30-year concession which lasts until 2028. However, LLAL could, if it chose, break that concession within the next two vears

Mr Heappey said: "There is always the chance that LLAOL could come up with their own proposals.

"No decision has yet been made to break the current concession. They have the chance to make proposals on how they will fund and develop it. We need to resolve the issue of what to do with their 16 years

"We could get a new conces-sion, which could be LLAOL, over a much longer term that the airport now needs.

"If there were ways more airlines could travel at off-peak times passenger numbers would be significantly more than 11.5 million.

"If we don't get the additional capacity then the airport would start to stagnate. Airlines such as Wizz Air, which has grown phe-nomenally, and easyJet, have plans to grow even further and if they are not able to do that in

* based on 12

words to include telephone numbers.

Luton then they will go to other airports." Hugh Aitken, commercial man-

ager of Luton Airport-based air-line easyJet, said: "The plan is an important step for the airport's long-term future which will enable us to continue making travel easier.

"However, we need continued focus now on improving access to the airport and the speed at which passengers can transit through it." This week a project called

'futureLuToN:Optimisation' was introduced to the airport's consultative committee representing residents, councils and community groups.

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Firms told 'go for it' with Retail Factor

LUTON on Sunday's Retail Factor competition is off the starter's block.

To encourage anyone looking to emulate last year's worthy winners, we are taking a look back at how Suzanne Gilmore and Amanda Turner from Love to be Charmed have fared, having seen their business grow as a result of the free trading opportunity in The Mall.

Suzanne said: "When we entered the Retail Factor we were in our first year of business and largely selling our products to friends and family.

"At the time we had been looking at various ways of getting our product to market cost-effectively, as well as juggling our busy family life.

"We had constructed a website at the time, but, simply due to the nature of our product being personalised jewellery items, our customers tend to want to be able to take a closer look."

Amanda said: "Entry to the competition was so simple. "I picked up a form from The Mall and filled in our company

information, at no cost to us." This year's Retail Factor winner is set to receive a start-up package worth £4,500; which includes two





Amanda added: "The two months trading opportunity was invaluable to the growth of our business.

"Being situated in the middle of a busy shopping centre without having to pay any rent doesn't happen very often.

"The exposure for our business was extraordinary and has created continued repeat business for Love to Be Charmed."

Suzanne explained: "If you are a small start-up business and are thinking of entering the Retail Factor, then my advice would be to go for it. "We never imagined we would have been shortlisted, let alone win."

The competition is open until February 12 when a shortlist of entrants with the strongest retail potential will be selected.

Entries will be judged on innovation, commercial viability and relevance of the product to the local marketplace. Entries to the Retail Factor can

be made online at www.themall.co.uk/business/ retailfactor or by completing a form available at The Mall's Ask Me Point, located outside M&S.



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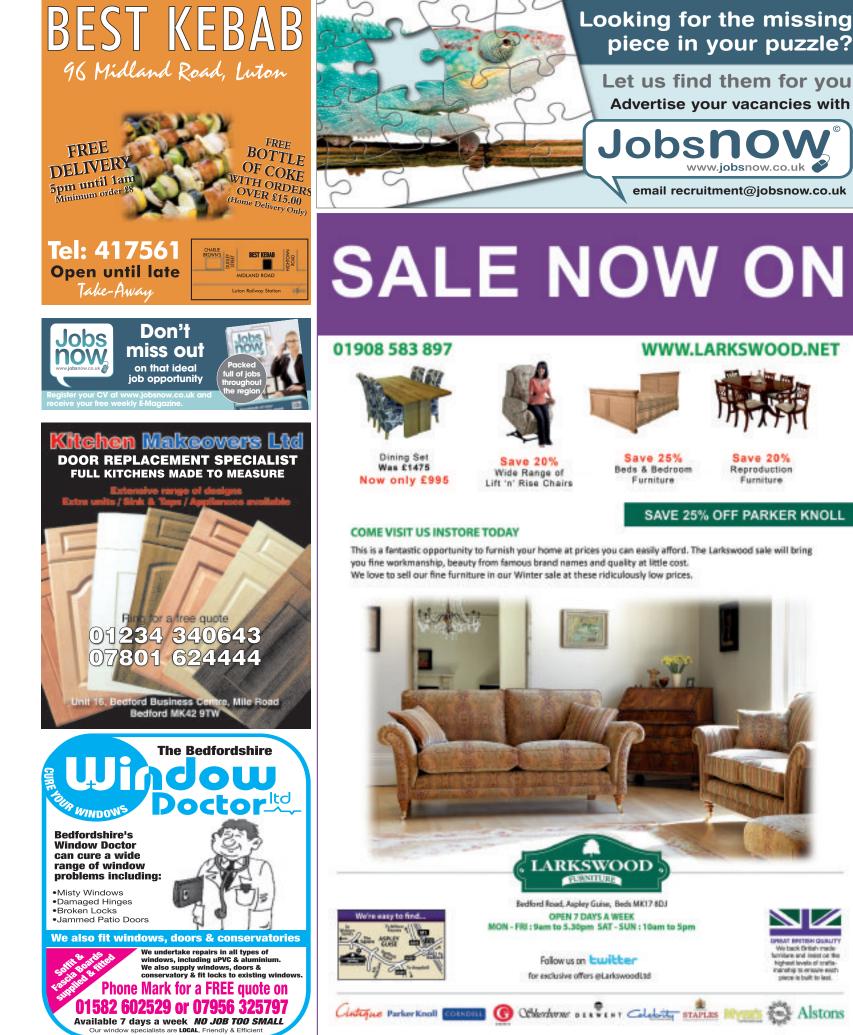
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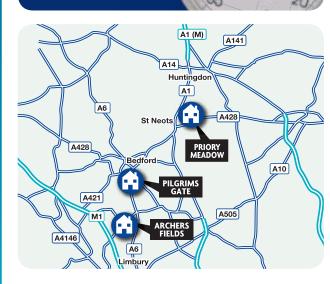


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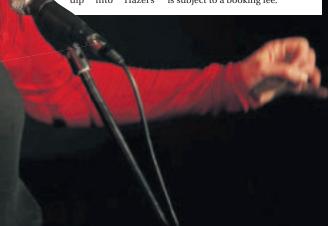
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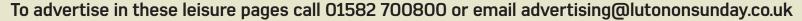
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definitely invite me back next year. "They gave me a list of rules – no profanity, that's fine I've got a huge vocabulary...no nudity – see that's a shame as I've got a huge ...vocabulary. "No smut or innuendo and I mustn't libel

anyone and I mustn't mention Mel Gibson this year.'

He went on to say: "The Golden Globes are to the Oscars what Kim Kardashian is to Kate Middleton – a bit louder, a bit trashier, a bit drunker and more easily bought."

He referred to Jonny Depp as the man who will 'Wear anything Tim Burton tells him to', before saying: "Who needs the Oscars? Not me and not Eddie Murphy. He said no and good for him, but when the man who says yes to Norbit says no to you – you know you're in trouble."

Stuart has said he thinks that after Ricky, - what about a Blue Peter presenter? Have a look at all the pictures at

www.heart.co.uk as well as Kelly Osborne's blue rinse, what was she thinking? Don't miss our Who's On Heart

competition each day. If you can identify our three secret celebrities you could win up to £50.000

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday 6am-10am on Heart 96.6FM

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ACROSS

ACROSS 2 Obesity involves carbohydrate principally, it's true (4) 4 Throws up into highest spaces (5) 7 Bird broke top off dish (3) 9 Fix a bit of wood (5) 10 Layabout, it appears is not a clergyman (5) 11 More tax? Re-assess (5) 12 Starts getting light on Wednesday (4) 13 Insect attack heard in the bay (5) 15 One bald idiot will make it up (2,3) 16 Frozen with shock, I leave in smart car (5) 18 Man, soft at heart, in the wood (5) 20 Part of helicopter discussed for work schedule (4) 21 Air problems in thanks for jewellery (5) 23 Heady little work in moving sand dunes (3) 26 Material found in many London boroughs (5) 26 Agitate for prison sentence (4)

DOWN

1 Working together, pass over research facility talk (13) 1 Working together, pass over research facility talk (13, 2 Loudly misrepresenting plane trip (6) 3 Reluctant to hold point, being comfortable (4) 4 Unenthusiastic gospeller has temperature (8) 5 Before delivery of late package (6) 6 Mr Clegg's based reforms on a good breakfast (9,4) 8 Joint problem in underworld site (11) 14 A rag, torn into pieces, provides flavouring (8) 17 Senious deal concluded for the Stones (6) 19 Old record overthrown on bird (6) 22 Bank deduction – I avoided owing money (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK ACROSS: 1. Equal 4. Contend 8. Opening time 10. Massive 12. Clasp 16. Flustered 17. Risen 20. Adopted 24. Engineering 25. Stand-by 26. Stark DOWN: 2. Quota 3. Areas 5. Orgy 6. Trial 7. Needs 9. Invest 10. Minor 11. Sins 13. Audit 14. Proud 15. Meddle 18. Inept 19. Egg-on 21. Paint 22. Elgar 23. Snub

Your chance to win books and specs

COMPETITION

DO YOU enjoy curling up with a book next to a log fire during the cold, winter months? If so then this competition is for you. The hugely successful TV Book

Club is back on our screens. Tune into More 4 on January 29 for the first episode, where hosts Dave Spikey, Laila Rouass, Caroline Quentin and Meera Syal will be returning to help you pick the best books to read this winter.

Throughout the ten-part series Dave, Laila, and Meera will be joined by celebrity guests to review ten titles, chosen by a team of TV Book Club experts, with viewers invited to read along. To celebrate the new show.

To celebrate the new show, Specsavers Dunstable is giving away a set of ten books to *Luton* on Sunday readers, plus £150 worth of designer eyecare, including an eye examination, so that readers can enjoy their books while wearing the latest fashion frames.

The lucky winners can look forward to reading all ten books in the series: Before I Go To Sleep, SJ Watson; The Sisters Brothers, Patrick de Witt; The Somnambulist, Essie Fox; Into The Darkest Corner, Elizabeth Haynes; Riles Of Civility, Amor Towles; Girl Reading, Katie Ward; The Report, Jessica Francis Kane; The Family Fang, Kevin Wilson; Half of the Human Race, Anthony Quinn and You Deserve Nothing, Alexander Maksik. To be in with a chance of win-

ning this fabulous prize, simply answer the following question: Which of the following is a presenter on the TV Book Club? a) Laila Rouass b) Myleene Klass

c) Kelly Brook

To enter, send your answer to Specsavers Competition, 28 King Street, Luton, LU1 2DP, or email competitions@lutononsunday. co.uk by February 6, 2012.

Terms and Conditions

 One entry per household
 Specsavers TV Book Club books and eyecare voucher will be distributed by Beattie he Communications and its partner agencies, on behalf of Specsavers Terms of the eyecare voucher are set out on the eyecare vouch-

er itself and must be adhered to Prizes must be claimed by

June 1, 2012 This prize is non-transfer-able, cannot be exchanged and no cash alternative will be offered



Spend time at the movies

FILM

FILM SEASON The Alban Arena, St Albans Throughout January

THE Alban Arena continues its fantastic film season with Anonymous (12A) screening on Wednesday at 1.30pm and 7.30pm.

It is a political thriller advancing the theory that it was in fact Edward De Vere, Earl of Oxford who penned Shakespeare's plays: set against the backdrop of the succession of Queen Elizabeth I, and the Essex Rebellion against her.

Following this on Thursday at 7.30pm is Sleeping Beauty (18); a haunting portrait of Lucy (Emily Browning), a young university student drawn into a mysterious hidden world of unspoken desires

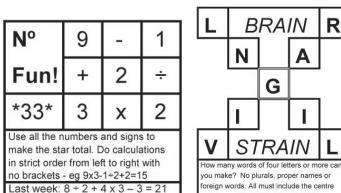
Also not to be missed is the family matinee on Saturday at 11am screening Puss In Boots (U). If you loved Shrek you'll love this - a fantastic adventure film following the heroic Puss In Boots long before he even met Shrek. With tickets only £4 matinee

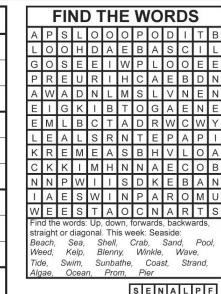
and £6/£4 concessions for evening screenings, don't miss out on your chance to see these popular new releases. For all the latest information.

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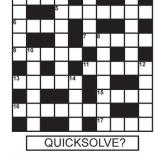
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Solution next week.









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DOWN DOWN 1.Heals (5) 2.Pledge (7) 3.Bog plant (4) 4.Half asleep (6) 8.Argument (7) 10.Cooking rack (6) 12.Throw out (5) 14.Twelve months (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK ACROSS: 2.Reversed 6.Dispatched 7.Curdle 11.Expand 14.Articulate 15.Cashmere DOWN: 1.Reduce 2.Resort 3.Viable 4.Race 5.Ewes 8.Excuse 9.Palate 10.Adhere 12.Proa 13.Fish



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Luton Borough Council and some of the schools/academies that are responsible for setting their own arrangements are now consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for September 2013.

Copies of the proposals are available from Unity House Reception (111 Stuart Street) and on the Council website at www.luton.gov.uk/admissions

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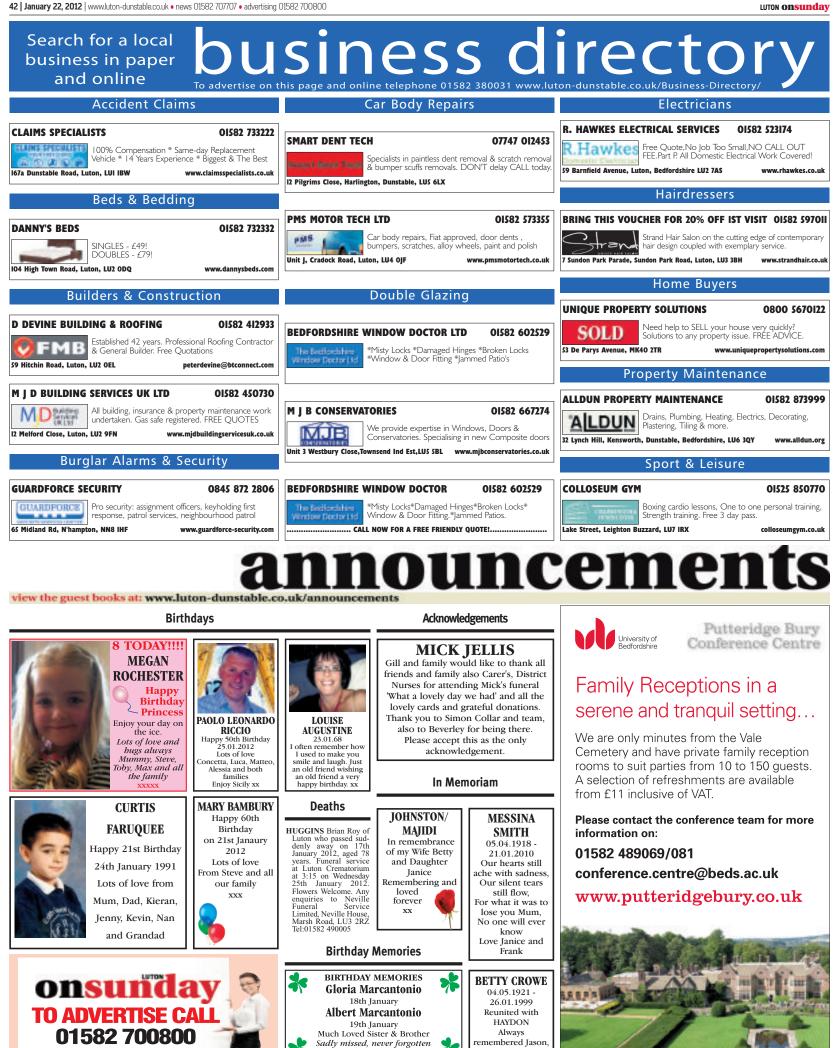
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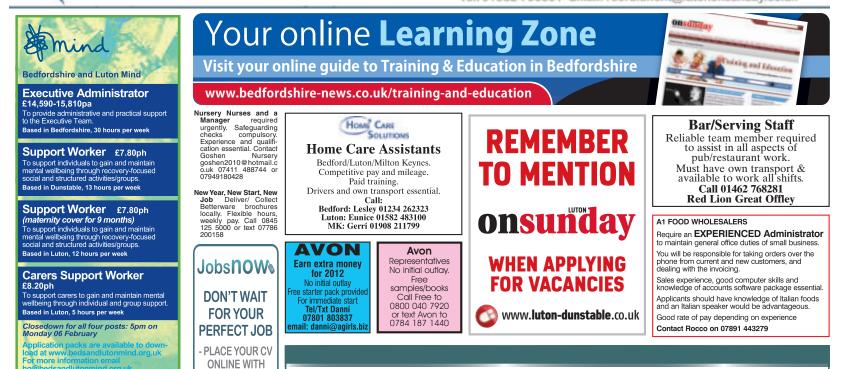
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MPS/UPS

We wish to appoint for February 2012 or as soon as possible, a suitably qualified, dedicated and highly motivated KS2 Teacher. This position will be to provide floating cover to Key Stage 2. You will need to be enthusiastic, committed to raising achievement and will be working in a supportive, team-orientated environment Closing date: 27 January 2012. Ref: 40/0295 Interview date: 6 February 2012

Year 4 Teacher

MPS/UPS

Required for Easter Half Term or sooner - a permanent Teacher to work within the Year 4 team

You will be suitably qualified, committed to raising achievement and working in a supportive and team orientated environment.

MPS is a large multi-cultural Primary School with a well motivated staff and enthusiastic pupils.

Closing date: 30 January 2012 Ref: 40/0291 Interview date: 6 February 2012

Teaching Assistant (1) / **Midday Supervisors**

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10 hours per week, term-time only

We are looking to recruit several Teaching Assistant (1)/Midday Supervisors as soon as possible. Please note that these roles are combined.

You will act as a Teaching Assistant (1) for five hours per week and then as a Midday Supervisor for a following five hours each week. Each position will be required Monday to Friday and based in either the Upper or Lower School.

You will be required to provide support and supervision to children over the lunchtime period, support to individuals and groups of children within lessons and be able to assist with classroom preparation as required.

We seek motivated, committed individuals with experience of working with children and with the capability to create and maintain excellent working relationships within the school environment.

Closing date: 30 January 2012. Ref: 40/0292

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed, please contact us to arrange one. To apply online visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs and click on the link to Teaching and Schools Vacancies. For details please contact Jon Briggs on 01582 430780 or email maidenhall.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk



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Respect and equal opportunities for all, are embedded in our school. We welcome visits to the School to see us in action, meet our staff and

experience the purposeful atmosphere. For an application form and further details, please contact Ann Gathern at the school address, tel: 01582 725764 or email:

hillborough.infants.admin@luton.gov.uk Closing date: 6.00pm, 1 February 2012. Ref: 40/0293

TENNYSON ROAD PRIMARY Tennyson Road, Luton

Teacher

MPS/UPS

Tennyson Road Primary is a small high-achieving school which celebrates the rich diversity of its children. We have enthusiastic, reflective staff who enjoy working in an environment where they are valued and committed to raising standards.

We are looking for a talented creative teacher who is a team player and needs to be prepared to teach across the primary school age range. A private health-care scheme operates in the school for all employees.

An extra recruitment payment would be available for a candidate who would be willing to take on the ICT subject leader role.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please send a SAE for £1 for an application form from Mrs S Goodyear at the

Interview date: 7 February 2012.

school address or tel: 01582 723230. Closing date: 1 February 2012.

Ref: 40/0294

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools. Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.

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Each Hub Manager will be accountable to the Lead Agency and will be responsible for ensuring that high quality universal and targeted services meet the needs of families with children under the age of five years in the Centre's reach area. You will have experience of working with families, planning and working strategically within an organisation and have the ability to achieve effective, integrated and productive partnerships with all stakeholders. You will also have demonstrable experience of managing budgets and an understanding of financial

management procedures. Each manager must be confident in the implementation and management of

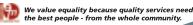
safeguarding policies and procedures and be able to demonstrate an outcomes focused approach within a multi agency environment. You will have a good understanding of early intervention and safeguarding supervision. You are required to hold a professional management qualification to a minimum

level 5 in a field relevant to this work or demonstrate equivalent management experience in a field relating to working with children and families. Applicants who have been shortlisted will be invited to attend an assessment day in

the week commencing Monday 13th February 2012 and successful applicants from this will be invited for interview in the week commencing Monday 27th February 2012. Luton Borough Council is managing the recruitment process on behalf of the Lead Agencies.

Apply now online at www.luton.gov.uk/jobs if you experience problems applying online, please call (01582) 546621 during office hours. Closing date: Midnight Sunday 5th February 2012. Ref: 40/0298 We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all staff to

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Stopsley Community Primary School



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This is a great opportunity to be involved in shaping new and developing services. We want team members who are innovative, problem solvers and comfortable working in a fast and responsive service. We are looking for people with a range of clinical skills but we will also be delivering a detailed training programme to ensure staff have the skills needed to deliver the services.



For more information

Senior Community Nurse Band 6

Community Nurse Band 5

Vacancy Ref 364-5780NS

Registered Nurse Band 5 Vacancy Ref 364-5781NS

To apply on line please visit www.iobs.nhs.uk or

Closing Date: 31st January 2012

Stopsley Community Primary School are looking for individuals who are passionate about teaching and who will ensure that our children's are passionate about teaching and who will ensure that our children's needs are at the forefront of everything we do. We want people who can think creatively to solve problems and deliver the curriculum in innovative and exciting ways, building on good standard practices already learnt whilst working in a methodical and consistent way. This is an exciting time for our school. The possibilities are infinite. We have high hopes for these new members of the team who join us a this challenging and exciting time

We are seeking to appoint the following;

Assistant Headteacher L6-10

An inspirational, highly motivated and experienced Assistant Headteacher to join our hard working and committed staff for the summer term 2012.

- You will need to:
- A Have a clear understanding of what constitutes excellent teaching and learning at whole school level and the ability to lead staff in the school level and the ability to lead staff in these areas
- Have excellent leadership & management skills with a track record of improving Teaching and Learning Ensure all children can enjoy learning and have a positive, inclusive
- attitude.
- Have experience across the primary age range.
 Have strong organisational and interpersonal skills
- Be passionate about developing community links and learning opportunities for all.
- In return we can offer:
- A genuine opportunity for shared leadership.
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- * Enthusiastic, motivated children who are keen to learn. A welcoming, caring and supportive staff who are committed to providing the best outcomes for our children.
 Commitment to your professional development.

- An opportunity to be involved in school improvement making a difference for children * Initially this position will be non-teaching with some PPA
- responsibilities

Class teacher MPS

An experienced, knowledgeable, confident, successful primary phase teacher who will: Be an enthusiastic, dedicated and committed classroom practitioner.

- be an enhanced can be committee association and the provided of t
- Be organised; good at gathering, analysing, responding to data and at maintaining relevant pupil-performance records
- Work closely with parents/carers, staff/colleagues, to improve the learning for our Children.
- Can support and work closely with the head teacher and senior leadership team and colleagues in securing school improvement * Are energetic, creative and focused on improving learning
- * Have high expectations of children's attainment and behaviour and a secure knowledge and understanding of teaching and learning in order to maximise progress.
- * Have a passion to ensure that every child reaches their full potential
- * Have a methodical and consistent approach
- * Have excellent interpersonal skills * Are actively committed to inclusive practice
- We can offer:

* Quality PPA time

- * A genuine commitment to your professional development
- A variety of challenges in an ever changing environment
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- serving members of staff An opportunity to make a difference to the education to our children

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To enhance our support team we are looking for someone who has a genuine commitment to inspiring children and who can: Work in collaboration with the SENCO to support groups and

- individuals
- Provide cover for classes across the school Make a difference and improve children's achievement
 HLTA Status essential
- Must be able to work on own initiative and be well organised We can offer:
- * Supportive team
- A genuine commitment to your professional development
 An opportunity to make a difference to the education of our
- children
- A variety of challenges and opportunities
- Visits to the school are welcomed.
- For further details or an application please telephone the number below.

Stopsley Community Primary School Hitchin Road, Luton. LU2 7UG

- Tel: (01582) 611035 Fax: (01582) 612022
- Email: stopsley.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk
- Closing Date: Friday 3rd February 2012 (12 noon)

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appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau. These posts have been defined as regulated activity under the Safeguarding and Vulnerable Groups Act 2000

please contact Liz Wade on 07970149512

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LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUE OF 2 NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUE OF 2 NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Luton Borough Council invites written requests for an application pack from any person wishing to apply for one of 2 new Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences to be issued. There is a 2 stage process in relation to the issue of the additional Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences. The trist stage involves which apply for one of 2 new Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences to be issued. There is a 2 stage process in relation to the issue of the additional Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences. The trist stage involves which applications being checked in order to ascertain whicher they comply with the criteria adopted by the Regulation Committee as det out below. The second stage will consist of all applicants who appear to completors who have been selected will then be issued with a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence provided they comply with the Council's Hackney Carriage Policy and the criteria as adopted by the Regulation Committee. The criterion adopted by the Regulation Committee. Is a follows: The applicant must: -Be a fit and proper preson between the ages of 21 and 65 years and have held a full-authorised drivers licence issued by the DVLA for not less than 12 months. Satisfy Luton Borough Council's conviction policy in respect of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers i.e. have not more than 9 penalty points in respect of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers i.e. have not more than 9 penalty points in respect of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers i.e. have not more than 9 penalty points in respect of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers i.e. have not more than 9 penalty points in respect of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers i.e. have not more than 9 penalty points in respect of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers i.e. have not more than 9 penalty points in respect of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers i.e. have not more than 9 penalty points in respect of Private Hire and Hackney Carria

11th April 2000. Give a written undertaking in the following terms: -a) Undertake not to sell or transfer the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence within two years of the licence being granted.
b) Undertake that the Hackney Carriage will ply for hire, within the Borough of Luton, during weekdays, at night-time and at weekends.
Confirm in writing that the applicant -a) is not an existing Hackney Carriage Proprietor or holder of a current Hackney Carriage Vehicle a) is not an existing Hackney Carriage Proprietor or holder of a current Hackney Carriage Vehicle a) is not an existing Hackney Carriage Venzie or holder of a current Hackney Carriage Vehicle b) has not been the holder in the last two years of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence issued by Luton Borough Council.

Borough Council. Give a written undertaking that heishe will comply with Luton Borough Council's Policies and in particular comply with the following:-a) provide a Hackney Carriage that satisficensed to give Policies in that it is a vehicle of the same type and design 4.86 km/s Carriage that satisficensed to give for time in London by the Metropolitan Police (and the Metropolitan Police) (and the Metropolitan Police) (and the Metropolitan Police) Borough Council Minute 796/96 of 16th May 1996, and is less than 12 months old when first licensed, Or

b) provide a copy of an order for a Hackney Carriage that satisfies the council's Policies (Appendix 2') by provide a corpy or an orbital role a machine y can make into accessive built contrains or oncides (Applantia): In terms of access, manufacture and design, i.e. a London--yper Black Cab or approved bhelichair accessible vehicle as set out in Luton Borough Council Minute 534/96 of 16th May 1996, and is less than 12 months old when first licensed.

LL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE LICENSING SERVICE, TOWN HALL, LLICON, LUI 280 NO LATER THAN 4.00pm ON FRIDAY 27th JANUARY 2012. NO LATE APPLICATIONS **/ILL BE ACCEPTED**

Should there be any questions in relation to this, please do not hesitate to telephone the Licensing Service on 01582 24640 between 9.00am and 4.30pm and any applications and payments must be made between 9.00am and 4.00pm. made bet

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (ARUNDEL ROAD (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on 16th January 2012 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on 2nd February 2012 and cease operation after 2nd March 2012 when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. Specific dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway maintenance works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

22nd January 2012

SCHEDULE

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

LENGTH OF BOAD ROAD At its junction with Dunstable Road – inbound lane into Arundel Road. (The outbound lane will remain open). Arundel Road

THE LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LICENCE

I Mr Sutharsan Vamathevan of V S Food and Wine, 27 Manchester Street LU1 2QB am applying for the variation of a Premises Licence.

If granted, the licence will enable the following to take place: sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises consisting of: Mon - Sun 24.00 - 24.00.

Persons wishing to make representations in respect of this application may do so in writing to: Licensing Service, Luton Borough Council, Town Hall, Luton, Beds LU1 2BQ, within 28 days from the date of this notice. A copy of the Application is also kept at the above address and may be viewed during normal office hours. during normal office hours.



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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (BROOMS ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD & FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, initends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation 27th February 2012 and cease operation after a Order win conference of the operation 2 and each of the operation are a second of a month or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the lifer. Specific dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation an signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of footway in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable the completion of works to both the carriageway and footway for the new housing development 'View Point'.

ss will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done y whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ 22nd January 2012

	SCHEDULE
ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Brooms Road	From outside number 3 Brooms Road to its junction with Tower Road

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (MILLFIELD ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation 13th February 2012 and cease operation after a period of 1 month or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. Specific dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are locally. Th displayed.

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The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway works to repair a wate pipe

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs. 22nd January 2012

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE LENGTH OF ROAD

ROAD From its junction with Leagrave Road to outside number 1A Millfield Road Millfield Road

Central Bedfordshire Council Notice of Confirmation of Public Path Order Highways Act 1980

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (TOTTERNHOE: BRIDLEWAY NO 51) PUBLIC PATH CREATION ORDER 2011

point J). The bridleway to be stopped up then continues west for approx 44 metres to OS GR TL 0107 2447 (Order map - point K) where this path terminates at its junction with Footpath No 4

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Orde

may do so by appointment at the offices of Countryside Access Team, Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, 239 Ampthill Road, Bedford, MK42 9BD between 9:00am and 5:00pm on Mondays to Thursdays and between 9:00am and 4:00pm pm Fridays. Telephone: 0300 300 6530.

NOTICE OF HEARING HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 26

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 118 Central Bedfordshire Council

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and will attend at:

On Tuesday 21 February 2012 at 10.00am

To hold a hearing into the Order

Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980.

That length of Totternhoe Bridleway No. 51 to be created over an existing section of Totternhoe Footpath No. 23 extends from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) SP 9791 2267 Where it has a junction with Totternhoe Byway Open to All Traffic Nos. 23 and 45 in a generally north north westerly direction for approximately 238 metres to OS GR SP 9781 2288 where it terminates at its junction with another section of Totternhoe Footpath No. 23 and the National Oycle Network (Route 6) known as the The Sewell Greenway'.

boundary hedges.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free ol charge at the offices of Countryside Access Team, Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology, House, Anghtill Road, Bedford between 9.00am and 6.00gm Mondays to Thursdays and between 9.00am to 4.00pm Fridays. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there.

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(BORROWDALE AVENUE, DUNSTABLE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along the full length of Borrowdale Avenue, Dunstable

This temporary closure is required to enable carriageway surfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to properly and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place over THREE DAYS from Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th January 2012 between 8am and 6pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049. DATED 18th January 2012

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Planning Inspectorate Reference: FPS/P0240/6/3 & FPS/P0240/3/4 Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: Jean McEntee, Room 4/05, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. Tel: 0117 372 6353. Email: jean.mcentee@pins.gsi.gov.uk

On the 13th January 2012 Central Bedfordshire Council confirmed the above Order made unde

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to create the following length of public Bridleway No 51 Totternhoe as shown on the Order map.

The new length of bridleway has a width of 6 metres as measured between the existing

Dated 18th January 2012

Technology House, Ampthill Road Bedford MK42 9BD

From Borrowdale Ave, proceed on Derwent Drive to Lowther Rd. Turn left and continue or Lowther Rd to Borrowdale Ave and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 23rd January 2012 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

Basil Jackson Assistant Director for Highways



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Hartwell clears up the risks from frozen car windscreens this winter

- Motorists face stiff penalties and risk causing accidents by 'portholing' their car windscreen
- Car owners risk a police fine and invalidated insurance by leaving car unattended with engine running to defrost
- Ford's Quickclear® technology can help avoid both

Car retailer Hartwell is alerting motorists in Bedfordshire to the hazards which uncleared snow and ice can expose cars to. Drivers risk their car, driving licence and safety by failing to take simple steps to clear their vehicle windscreen in icy weather, warns the Ford retailer.

Hartwell Ford Dunstable is urging local car owners to 'warm up for winter' and properly manage their car maintenance and preparation for driving in cold and icy conditions as the weather forecast predicts more chilly days ahead.

Drivers who run the car engine to heat the windscreen but leave the vehicle unattended – known as 'frosting' – are committing an offence if the vehicle is left on a public highway. Although leaving a car running on a private driveway isn't breaking the law, it is a prime target for opportunistic thieves. According to insurance company estimates, around 2,000 cars are stolen each year when 'frosting', worth around £12.7m. Car insurance is usually invalidated if a policyholder leaves a vehicle with the keys

in the ignition. While frustrated motorists often resort to using tools such as stiletto heels, CD cases, credit cards and even finger nails to scrape at stubborn ice, one in ten confesses to pouring a kettle of boiling water onto the windscreen, risking the screen cracking owing to the extreme temperature change.

Graham Betts, general manager of Hartwell, said: "Being able to clearly see where you are driving is perhaps the most obvious and basic safety requirement for motorists. Failing to take proper care to clear windscreens can have serious consequences not just for drivers, but for pedestrians and other road users too.'

Technology offers a quicker and simpler solution. Ford developed their patented Quickclear system 26 years ago, which uses a mesh of very thin heating wires embedded between two layers of windscreen glass to provide rapid deicing and defogging.

The simple push-button system clears windscreens in seconds, instantly freeing frozen wiper blades to reduce stress on the wiper motor. It is standard on all but 11 models in Ford's car range, from the Ka supermini to the Galaxy people carrier, more than a quarter of a century on from its debut on the Ford Scorpio.

For further information contact Hartwell Dunstable on tel 01582 443 500 or on-line at www.hartwell.co.uk





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LUTON TOWN

Pilks own goal is so tough on luckless Luton

BY LAUREN ARCHELL lauren.archell@lutononsunday.co

A DESPERATELY unfortunate Kevin Pilkington own goal meant the Hatters took just one point after a magnificent comeback in this sixgoal thriller at a windy Southport.

After going two down in the first half, Luton showed fantastic team spirit to get back into the game with goals from Danny Crow and Adam Watkins.

They even briefly took the lead through Aaron O'Connor but an unfortunate ricochet cannoned off Town's former Manchester United stopper to let Southport back in the contest.

"That wind was sent to try us," Pilkington said afterwards, adding: "We dug in, battled and come away with a good result. Three points would've been better but from two goals down we would've taken a point, especially in those conditions.

"With the first goal, the strike was going one way, I've dived to cover it and it has been taken eight yards the other way by the wind.

"The third was an own goal and the first of my career, but I couldn't have done a lot differently. "Despite that, the lads did well, its a

"Despite that, the lads did well, its a massive result for us and another point on the board."

Although the Hatters made a lively start to the game with an early chance from Watkins, it was the home side that scored first with a long range attempt in the ninth minute. The strong Merseyside wind had a part to play in the goal from Tony Gray, which saw the Hatters stopper dive to his right as the ball sailed into the middle of the goal from 20 yards out.

The pacey Vinny Mukendi wreaked havoc down the left wing throughout the first half and was able to double the lead for Southport in the 32nd minute. The loan signing from Macclesfield was given plenty of space to curl his shot into the top right corner after a tussle with George Pilkington which left the captain on the deck.

Just as the afternoon was starting to look bleak for the Hatters, Crow clawed one back 39 minutes in – the

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ran into financial difficulties. The

Terras' first team walked out in February and they had to complete

the season with their Under-18 side,

only managing to take one point resulting in relegation. The U's, however, lost out on automatic striker nodding in his ninth of the season from just two yards out after great build-up play from Jake Howells and Greg Taylor.

In first half stoppage time Watkins was on hand to level the scores. Goalscorer turned provider spotting the midfielder tearing into the box and the youngster coolly struck

home. The Hatters came out all guns blazing in the second half, going ahead in the 47th minute.

A poor back pass from Simon Grand left O'Connor able to beat goalkeeper Tony McMillan to the ball, and force his resulting shot home.

But Luton couldn't hold onto their lead and a freak own goal from shot stopper Pilkington put the two teams level again.

A strike from Gray hit the far post and rebounded off the keeper's heel before rolling across the line.

Pilkington then did well to prevent Southport taking all three points ten minutes from time, tipping an attempt from Shaun Whalley just over the bar.

There was one last chance for the Town in the second minute of stoppage time when Crow was sent through by sub Amari Morgan-Smith, but was denied a winner when McMillan blocked his low shot.

The result means that the Hatters extended their unbeaten run to ten league games on the bounce, and although the side were not victorious they demonstrated some of the fight that will be needed to get out of this league.

Southport: McMillan, Smith, Lever (Benjamin), Akrigg, Grand, Whalley, Parry, Ledsham, Owens, Gray, Mukendi

Unused subs: Nemes, Carden, Ellison, Brown

Luton: K.Pilkington, Gleeson, Taylor, G.Pilkington, Lawless, Crow, O'Connor, Howells, Kissock (Morgan-Smith), Watkins, Kovacs Unused subs: Tyler, Fleetwood, McAllister, Poku

promotion by two points. "It really is

unsettling," he said, adding: "I'm sure Wrexham, Fleetwood and Kidderminster are all looking at what

would happen if they got points taken off them [this season]. It changes the whole shape of the

league and I don't think that's fair."

Attendance: 1, 665 Referee: Tony Harrington

Boss Brabin's blast





McAllister signing means less stress

■ continued from back page that he won't now be forced into any late business unless absolutely necessary.

"It does take away that desperate edge. I don't like being in that position," the manager explained.

"Craigs was the only position we lacked. Between now and the end of the window, if someone does become available that might benefit our squad then we'll certainly look at pursuing that."

But with McAllister's arrival Luton may have to wave goodbye to Tommy Wright, though the former Crawley Town man is not responsible.

Brabin said: "Tommy's contract is up. He's been blighted with injury and we haven't been able to get him to the levels we've wanted.

"I'm speaking to him at the moment

but his situation isn't why we've got Craig *(pictured right)*. They're completely different players."

With only nine days of the window left Brabin revealed he is still to receive any firm interest in his players.

"There hasn't been any calls of bids and I probably hear about most of the interest from you lot [press] when I read the papers or listen to the radio," he said.



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MOTORSPORT

TEAM ES Racing has revealed they will be running NGTC powered Vauxhall Vectras in the 2012 Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship.

The Luton-based squad who recently revealed Dave Newsham would be driving for the team in 2012 alongside team principal Chris James have managed to keep the deal under wraps until now.

James Nash took the Independent championship title in the Vectra for Triple Eight racing in 2011 and Team ES will be looking to emulate this success in 2012.

Talking of the announcement Chris James said: "They're race winning cars and they will continue to be highly competitive in 2012.

"We're delighted to get the deal concluded to run the Vectras and look forward to pushing hard at the start of the season.

"They come with a great spares package and a massive amount of data so we should be able to hit the ground running.

"We will get podiums and maybe even sneak more than that, certainly in the first half of the season.

"NGTC will get stronger but I truly believe that like football it will be a game of two halves – the first half will be \$2000 and the second NGTC."

While James and Newsham have been announced for the team there is still a seat available for the season.

"There is still the option for us to

FOOTBALL EVO-STIK DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

BEDFONT TOWN O BARTON ROVERS 1

A LAST minute Russell Bull goal earned Barton Rovers their first win in five matches.

Both teams found the match a scrappy affair in windy conditions, but it was Rovers who were the

run a third car so if the right driver with the right budget comes along then it will happen," said James. Fans will be able to get their first taste of the Team ES Racing

DELIGHTED: Chris James,

Vectras at the BTCC Media day on Monday, March 19, at Silverstone when the circuit will be open to the public for the afternoon test session.

Late Bull effort downs Town

with improved Vectra

stronger team throughout. And it was only the efforts of the Bedfont goalkeeper that made the outcome less straightforward than perhaps it should have been. The home stopper was called into

action twice in the early exchanges but was equal to both shots. The visitors continued to dominate however and finally got a reward for their persistence as Bull hit a beauty from 12 yards after Ricky Case's lay-off. That was to be the last kick of the 90 but the five minutes of stoppage time made it a nerve racking finale.

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

VINNIE SHRIEVES bagged two

goals as Crawley Green ran out comfortable winners.

The hosts started well, took the

lead in the first 10 minutes then never looked back. Shrieves was

the man who opened the scoring

with a neat finish, one-on-one with

the keeper. Lee Loasby then made

it 2-0 soon after with a powerful

header from a free-kick before

Shrieves completed the victory

with a fluke just before half time.

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CRAWLEY GREEN WODSON PARK

Wills seals points to match Blues in league chase

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER ST MARGARETSBURY 2 AFC DUNSTABLE 4

AFC's assured performance put them level on points with neighbours Dunstable Town.

Graeme Buchanan and Gareth Harnaman gave them an early lead but the hosts pulled one back with a free-kick before half-time.

Courtney Massey then gave away a penalty and St Margaretsbury levelled the score.

But strikes from Carl Lincoln and Hayden Wills restored the lead and continued AFC's recent fine form.

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO RYAN SMITH scored a contentious winner as THE 61 FC won 2-1 away to KENT ATHLETIC in yesterday's

local derby. An early effort by Alex Bennett put The 61 in front but Wayne

RUGBY UNION

NATIONAL THREE LONDON & SOUTH EAST BRACKNELL 16 LUTON 8

LUTON were left to rue a seventh yellow card in nine games for New Zealand centre Sam Collins as they fell to their 15th defeat of the season away to Bracknell.

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DUNSTABLE TOWN 3 AYLESBURY UNITED 3

A SECOND half fightback saw Dunstable Town come from two behind to rescue a point against Aylesbury United.

Early strikes gave the Ducks a half-time lead but Peter Holmes and Jonathan Cooper equalised for the Blues. United netted again before John Mulholland's late strike made it 3-3. Lee Roach almost snatched an unlikely victory in the last minute though his shot hit the side-netting.

Hamus equalised just before halftime. Smith then slotted home from a suspected offside position to give his side the bragging rights. **CADDINGTON** won 3-2 at Tring Corinthians thanks to a match winning display from Rob Saint.

Steve Harris and Ryan Douglas scored, both assisted by Saint, but Tring equalised before their goalscorer turned provider with a late winner. TODDINGTON had a man sent off

as they lost 3-1 to Aston Clinton.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

FA VASE FOUR	ΤН	RO	UND(selected)
Oadby Town	2	1	Ampthill Town

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

DLOL JQUA			TERLETILK
AFC Telford	1	2	Cambridge Utd
Alfreton Town	0	2	Kidderminster
Braintree Town	2	2	Stockport
Darlington	0	1	Fleetwood Town
Gateshead	3	3	Lincoln City
Grimsby	6	0	Bath City
Mansfield	3	2	Hayes & Yeading
Newport County	0	0	Forest Green
Southport	3	3	Luton
Tamworth	2	3	Barrow
Wrexham	4	1	Kettering
York	3	2	Ebbsfleet United
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Aylesbury	2	0	Slough Town
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Beaconsfield SYCOB	2	St. Neots Town
Bedfont Town C) 1	Barton Rovers
Bedworth United C	2	Chalfont St. Peter
Biggleswade Town C	0 0	Fleet Town
Burnham 3	3 0	Daventry Town
Chertsey Town C	1	Rugby Town
Leighton Town	1 1	AFC Hayes
Northwood 2	2 1	Ashford Town (Middx)
Woodford United F	P	North Greenford Utd
SOUTH MIDLANDS LE	AGUE	PREMIER DIVISION

Biggleswade Utd 0	2 Broxbourne Boro'
Dunstable Town 3	3 Aylesbury United
Hanwell Town 4	2 Harefield United
Haringey Borough 1	1 Colney Heath
Hatfield Town 1	5 Berkhamsted
Hertford Town 0	3 Hillingdon Borough
Oxhey Jets 1	0 Leverstock Green
St Margaretsbury 2	4 AFC Dunstable
Stotfold 1	1 London Tigers
Tring Athletic 0	0 Holmer Green

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Amersham Town	1	3	Stony Stratford Town
			New Bradwell St Peter
Cranfield United	3	4	Buckingham Athletic
Crawley Green	3	0	Wodson Park
Hoddesdon Town	2	0	Chesham Utd Res
Langford	2	0	Sun Postal Sports
London Lions	2	1	Tokyngton Manor
/elwyn Garden City	3	0	Kentish Town
SOUTH MIDLANDS	S LE	AG	UE DIVISION TWO
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Aston Clinton 3	0 Totternhoe
Bletchley Town 7	0 Old Bradwell United
Hale Leys Utd O	1 Winslow United
Kent Athletic 1	2 The 61 FC (Luton)
Pitstone & Ivinghoe 0	2 Risborough Rangers
Tring Corinthians 2	3 Caddington

BEDFORDSHIRE FA JUNIOR CUP

AFC Turvey 3	5 Sundon P. Rngrs Colts
Elstow Abbey 1	O Cranfield United Res
M & DH Oakley 1	1 (aet) Potton United Res
Sundon Park Rangers 2	1 St Josephs Res

Collins' ill-discipline costs Luton dear at Bracknell

Rick Hobbs and Jake Harris got on the scoresheet but it was another miserable afternoon for the Newlands Road outfit.

Luton dominated the first half but they failed to turn possession into points; an unconverted Hobbs try being all they could muster though they finished the first period on top. After the break, Bracknell edged into a 6-5 lead thanks to two penalty kicks from Ben Nowack.

Collins then received a yellow card for a high tackle and his time in the

sin-bin would cost Lutonians as the hosts took advantage by extending their lead with a Stewart Mackay try. Hobbs kicked a penalty to reduce the arrears but Nowack wrapped up the points with a last minute penalty goal.

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Spor Donsunday Sickened Luton boss Brabin slams crisis Conference clubs

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GARY Brabin has hit out at clubs teetering on the edge of extinction and called for new guidelines to safeguard against financial problems in the middle of a season.

Darlington, currently experiencing their third period of administration in nine years, have had a tumultuous week in which their players and staff were told they no longer had jobs and the club would be liquidated before a last-minute £50,000 reprieve.

However, the cash injection only ensured a three-game stay of execution which began with yesterday's home match against title challengers Fleetwood. It was also announced on Friday that

Kettering will have three-points deducted if they fail to pay creditors by February 28 while a £3,000 fine has also been issued by the Football Conference for failing to pay players' wages. But for the other 22 teams in the Blue

Square Bet Premier there is nothing they can do but watch and wait – a situation which has sadly become all too familiar.

In 2010 Chester City were expelled from the league and all their results were expunged.

There is a real possibility that the same could happen this season with Luton already having scored 12 goals and taken

nine points from three games against the two crisis clubs. Brabin said: "It sickens me when I see

things going on.

"I think there has got to be some sort of guideline before each season starts and a guarantee that teams can sustain what they're spending. You've got to take into consideration gates and revenue and people have got to delve deeper into each individual club. When you see some clubs who aren't getting a massive fan base but they're spending hundreds of thousands [of pounds] then I think they've got to guarantee that.

"Before the season starts, if you want to spend £1 million on players but your gates don't show that then there has got to be a bank account set up with that million in there as a guarantee. That's how strict I think it should be."

Even if Darlington and Kettering complete the season, both are the subject of transfer embargoes with reports suggesting that they only had 19 registered profession-als between them for yesterday's games, with youth players making up the numbers

As Brabin has experienced, that is a situation that can mean the difference between success and failure for a division's other clubs. While boss of Cambridge United in 2008/09, his side took four points off Weymouth before the Dorset side **continued on page 58** THE loan signing of striker Craig McAllister has put an end to

The Hatters captured the 31year-old Newport forward on Wednesday and manager Gary Brabin admitted that the deal will ease the pressure to panic buy as the January transfer closes. But long-term target Shaw looks to have eluded the Town boss



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